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As a normal consumer who has no choice but to use Microsoft's operating systems as a result of the de facto monopoly held by Microsoft, I strongly urge that Microsoft be prohibited from requiring the use of its Internet Explorer browser as a required part of its operating system. This requirement has the very transparent goal of driving all other browser developers out of business and making the access to programs by users of non-Windows platforms impossible. (Microsoft realizes that both Windows based and non-Windows based programs can be operated on multiple platforms through the use of Java--If Microsoft succeeds in monopolizing the browser market, it will be in a position to effectively kill the use of Java as a means of developing software that functions on any but the Windows platform.) Microsoft itself recognizes that the browser capabilities and the operating system are totally distinct: they have always marketed and continue to market and supply their browser as a completely separate software to be used either on its own Windows platform or on other non-Windows platforms. By continuing to allow Microsoft to use tacitly illegal sales and coercive agreements with PC manufacturers and the various Internet Service Providers, etc., the Justice Department will be supporting and furthering the illegal existence and growth of a monopoly to the great detriment of public at large, not just in the U.S., but the world at large. Please put a stop to Microsoft NOW, so the freedom of choice is not removed from the market place! If Microsoft is not prohibited from continuing on its present course during the resolution of the lawsuits and appeals, all competitors will have been destroyed during this process and, regardless of the legal results, Microsoft will have succeeded in its goal of being the "only game in town"!

Thank You!

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